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Suicide Prevention Virtual Town Hall Meeting

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Carson City, NV – On December 29th, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) will be hosting a virtual community-based Town Hall to address suicide prevention.

The meeting will focus on Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) in the Clark County community, with panelists from the region discussing what suicide prevention and crisis resources are available. This important forum also works to open a community dialogue on what services and resources are needed, and to help identify the gaps in activities as our communities come together and let their voices be heard.

“This conversation is a necessary beginning step, to address all social determinants of health for BIPOC Communities,” says event moderator Bianca D. McCall LMFT, CEO & Executive Director of Desert Rose Counseling Group, Subject Matter Expert in the Epidemiology of Suicidal Behavior and member of the BIPOC Community in Clark County. “While Behavioral Health is only a fraction of what makes a person or community healthy and thriving, it is a remarkable for DPBH to lead this important discussion and to include a diverse planning team and panel, in its attempt to bridge the gap to wellness.

Panelists for the town hall include Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator and Survivor Teresa Etcheberry; CEO and Executive Director for MHS Behavioral Services, Inc. Dinisha Mingo; Co-Vice President of NAMI Southern Nevada Dr. Sheldon Jacobs; Program Director for Chicanos por la Causa Wilson Ramos; Director of Operations for Giddens Memorial Chapel Dr. Raymond Giddens; Pastor for First AME Church Rev. Dr. Karen Anderson, founder of *My Tulips* Kasina Boone, Pastor Greg Fields, and Richard Jack III.

The virtual town hall will take place on Tuesday, December 29th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. To register for the event, please go to https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7zn3zOZMTqCKJuUNERpmdQ